



# Vale of Leithen

## FOOTBALL CLUB

### Environmental Policy

#### Introduction

Vale of Leithen Football Club is a member of the Scottish Lowland Football League. We pride ourselves in community integration at all levels. This document is designed to describe the club's Environmental Policy.

#### Environmental Policy

Vale of Leithen Football Club recognise that our activities inevitably have an impact on the environment. Consequently we are committed to a process of continual environmental improvement and pollution prevention. This statement provides a framework for developing and reviewing environmental objectives.

It is the policy of Vale of Leithen Football Club to minimise the potentially significant impacts the club has on the environment. We actively encourage the use of public transport, energy efficiency and promote waste minimisation and environmentally friendly waste disposal throughout the club and by our supporters.

We treat all relevant environmental legislation and regulations as the minimum standard and seek to exceed them wherever possible.

We endeavour to identify opportunities to reduce and recycle the resources we consume including energy, water and other natural resources and minimising the amount of waste we produce.

We discourage avoidable travel, encourage the use of walking, cycling, public transport, car sharing and coach use.

We expect our suppliers to demonstrate good environmental, social and ethical management practices and we engage with them regularly to identify opportunities for improvement.

#### Our Commitment

We recognise that our activities impact on the environment. Consequently we embrace the principles of sustainable development and we are committed to a process of continual environmental improvement and pollution prevention.

#### Measures to Encourage Walking and Cycling

Walking and cycling are the most sustainable means of travel. The National Travel Survey has established that 80% of journeys of less than 1 mile (1.6km) are made on foot. Walking and/or cycling may also be a realistic options for those travelling to Victoria Park. Victoria Park is fully accessible by walking and cycling. Direct access to the ground is available from the path leading from Hall Street.

#### Public Transport

Victoria Park is easily accessible by public transport, being located directly on the First Bus No. 62 route from Edinburgh to Galashiels. There is a bus stop approximately 150 yards from the ground. Public transport is therefore encouraged by the club as a realistic mode of travel for those visiting the ground.

#### Timing of matches

Vale of Leithen Football Club will manage the timing of events, particularly the start time of football matches, to ensure that high flows of football related traffic does not occur at peak times on the local road network.

#### Policy review

Vale of Leithen Football Club will keep this policy under review.